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MONITORING OF RIDF
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any monitoring is being done on the utilisation of the fund allocated under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a)to(b) Yes, Sir. The primary responsibility for the utilisation JT the fund allocated under Rural Development Infrastructure Fund (RIDF) rests with the implementing department of the State Governments. However Off-site (desk) monitoring and On-site (field) monitoring arrangements have been made by NABARD for implementation of the RIDF projects. In the On-site monitoring of NABARD,Regional Offices, District Development Managers (DDMs) and consultants engaged by NABARD are involved. The Officer-in-charge of Regional Office is required to take up field visits of RIDF Projects. The DDMs either with consultants or Regional Office officials or independently undertake field monitoring. During 2005-06, NABARD officials have monitored 8960 RIDF projects throughout the country. The deficiencies in implementation of projects observed during the monitoring visits are brought to the notice of the implementing departments of respective State Governments for rectification.

Besides, High Power Committee meetings are held in every quarter for reviewing the utilisation of RIDF projects under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the concerned State Government.